

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF FODDER  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Central scheme has been implemented to increase the production of fodder in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have assessed the success of this scheme in the State;
- (d) if so, the extent thereof; and
- (e) the other efforts made by the Central and State Governments for increasing the production for treating the production of fodder in the State especially in the areas of deficit in fodder?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Central Government implements a scheme 'Central Fodder Development Organization' for the development of feed and fodder in the State. Regional Station for Forage Production and Demonstration located in Kalyani (WB), take care of the Feed and Fodder Programme in the State of West Bengal. This station is engaged in multiplication of good quality seeds of newly evolved fodder varieties. They also organize training programmes, field days/farmers fair and conduct fodder demonstrations at the farmer's field showing latest know-how on fodder production adopting new varieties evolved by Universities/ICAR Institutions. Besides, there is also a 'Central Minikit Testing Programme on Fodder Crops', under which fodder minikits are provided to the State Governments for onward supply to the farmers free of cost in both the season i.e. Kharif and Rabi.

(c)&(d): The monitoring of the progress is being continuously done by the Government of India.

(e): A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Enhancement of Feed and Fodder Production including Improvement of Common Property Resources' has been proposed for 10th Five Year Plan for implementation in the country as a whole. The EFC memo of the Scheme is under formulation.